

# “Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

## First Timothy Bible Study — I Timothy 6:17-21 Lesson #15

\*\*INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in First Timothy before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

17-19 Command those who are rich in this present age **NOT to be HAUGHTY, nor to TRUST in UNCERTAIN RICHES but in the LIVING GOD**, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, **that they be RICH in GOOD WORKS, ready to GIVE, willing to SHARE, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come**, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

• **I Timothy 6:12** “Fight the good fight of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”

• **I Peter 5:5-7** “...for God resists the \_\_\_\_\_, but gives \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time (at the proper time), casting all your care (anxiety, worries, fear) upon Him, because He cares for you.”

**Definition: “NOT to be HAUGHTY, nor to TRUST in UNCERTAIN RICHES but in the LIVING GOD”** – Haughty means proud, prideful, arrogant. Paul is advising Timothy to warn members of his church, if they are rich, **not to be proud and think they are better than others, and not to think that their MONEY will save them.** Our trust and hope should ONLY be in GOD Himself, not in what material things we have here on earth.

• **Proverbs 6:16-19** “These six things the Lord \_\_\_\_\_, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: a \_\_\_\_\_ look, a \_\_\_\_\_ tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises \_\_\_\_\_, feet that are swift in running to evil, a \_\_\_\_\_ witness who \_\_\_\_\_, and one who sows discord among brethren.”

• **James 4:3-4 & 6** “You \_\_\_\_\_ and do not \_\_\_\_\_, because you \_\_\_\_\_ amiss (with wrong motives), that you may spend it on your pleasures (for your own desires). You adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity (hatred) with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.” (Verse 6) “....Therefore He says, “God \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, but gives grace to the \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “That they be RICH in GOOD WORKS, ready to GIVE, willing to SHARE”** – God’s word has many commandments about helping the poor and needy (sharing what we have with those who have nothing), and some warnings for those who mistreat, oppress, cheat or just neglect to help them. **“The poor,” of course, does NOT mean those who REFUSE to work**, and want someone to take care of them just because they are **too lazy to work.**

• **Galatians 2:10** “They desired only that we should \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, the very thing which I also was \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Acts 11:28-30** “Then one of them named Agabus, stood up and showed by the \_\_\_\_\_ that there was going to be a great \_\_\_\_\_ (lack of food) throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the \_\_\_\_\_, each according to his ability, determined to send \_\_\_\_\_ to the brethren dwelling in Judea. This they also did, and \_\_\_\_\_ it to the \_\_\_\_\_ by the hands of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **I Corinthians 16:1-3** “Now concerning the \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_, as I have given \_\_\_\_\_ to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: on the first day of the week let each one of you \_\_\_\_\_ something \_\_\_\_\_, storing up as he may \_\_\_\_\_, that there be no collections when I come.”

• **Mark 14:3-7** “And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very \_\_\_\_\_ oil of spikenard. And she broke the flask and poured it on His head. But there were some who were indignant (angry) among themselves, and said, ‘\_\_\_\_\_ was this fragrant oil wasted? For it might have been \_\_\_\_\_ for more than three hundred denarii and \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.’ And they criticized her sharply. But Jesus said, ‘Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a \_\_\_\_\_ work for \_\_\_\_\_. For you have the \_\_\_\_\_ with you \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ you may \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_; but Me you do not have always.’”

• **Proverbs 14:21** “He who \_\_\_\_\_ his neighbor \_\_\_\_\_; but he who has \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_, happy is he.”

• **Proverbs 14:31** “He who oppresses the \_\_\_\_\_ reproaches his Maker, but he who honors Him has \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **II Thessalonians 3:7-12** “For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example; because we did not act in an undisciplined manner among you, nor did we \_\_\_\_\_ anyone’s \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_ for it, but with \_\_\_\_\_ and hardship we kept \_\_\_\_\_ night and day so that we might not be a burden to any of you; not because we do not have the right to this (to be supported by them), but in order to offer ourselves as a \_\_\_\_\_ for you, that you might follow our \_\_\_\_\_.

For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: If anyone will not \_\_\_\_\_, neither let him \_\_\_\_\_. For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing \_\_\_\_\_ work at all, but acting like \_\_\_\_\_. Now such persons we \_\_\_\_\_ and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ in quiet fashion and \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ bread.”

• **Ephesians 4:28** “Let him who stole \_\_\_\_\_ no longer, but rather let him labor, \_\_\_\_\_ with his \_\_\_\_\_ what is \_\_\_\_\_, that he may have \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ him who is in \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Psalms 41:1-2** “\_\_\_\_\_ is he who considers the \_\_\_\_\_; the Lord will \_\_\_\_\_ him in time of \_\_\_\_\_. The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth; You will \_\_\_\_\_ deliver him to the will of his \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **John 12:3-8** “Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of \_\_\_\_\_, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. Then one of His disciples, \_\_\_\_\_ Iscariot, Simon’s son, who would \_\_\_\_\_ Him, said, “Why was this fragrant oil not \_\_\_\_\_ for three hundred denarii and given to the \_\_\_\_\_?” This he said, \_\_\_\_\_ that he \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_, but because he was a \_\_\_\_\_, and had the \_\_\_\_\_ box; and he used to \_\_\_\_\_ what was put in it. Then Jesus said, “Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the \_\_\_\_\_ you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.”

• **Deuteronomy 15:11** “For the \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ cease (stop) from the land; therefore I command you, saying, ‘You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_, in your land.’”

**Definition: STORING UP for THEMSELVES a good foundation for the TIME to COME** – This is speaking of HOW we use our money, and whether we use it for the glory of God and His kingdom, or if we just selfishly use it for ourselves. The “**TIME to COME**” is referring to when we will stand before God at the Judgment Seat of Christ and be judged for our works, as to whether we will receive any rewards in heaven. In **Luke 16:1-13, the parable about the shrewd manager**, Jesus gives us a story from the worldly point of view, but He is not condoning their dishonesty - He only uses the story as a CONTRAST of how worldly people take advantage of money and worldly things for their benefit, whereas God’s children (the “sons of light”) are lacking in that area. He is not saying that God’s children should be dishonest, but only that **we should use what is here on this earth for the maximum benefit for eternal things**. For instance, we should use “unrighteous mammon” or money to spread the Gospel and bring as many people as possible into the Kingdom of God. This may mean spending money on television or radio to get out the message of the Gospel, or travel expenses to go and preach the message in person, or the cost of printing Bibles, books and materials.

Verse 9, “And I say to you, **make friends** for yourselves **BY** unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.” The “they” is the friends you made BY the USE of the unrighteous mammon or money. The “friends” are people you have helped to come to faith in Jesus Christ **by the spending of your money**, and they will be waiting to welcome you when you die and go to heaven. In verse 11, it says, “Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon (money), who will commit to your trust the true riches?” **This means that those who hold onto their earthly riches lightly, and use their money for the glory of God and His kingdom, will be given true riches and responsibilities in heaven.**

• **I Corinthians 3:11-15** “For no other \_\_\_\_\_ can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is \_\_\_\_\_. Now if anyone \_\_\_\_\_ on this \_\_\_\_\_ with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s \_\_\_\_\_ will become manifest; for the Day (of judgment) will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ each one’s \_\_\_\_\_, of what sort it is. If anyone’s \_\_\_\_\_ which he has \_\_\_\_\_ on it (*on the foundation of Christ*) endures, he will \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_. If anyone’s \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, he will suffer \_\_\_\_\_; but he \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_, yet so as through \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **II Corinthians 5:10** “For \_\_\_\_\_ must \_\_\_\_\_ appear before the \_\_\_\_\_ seat of \_\_\_\_\_, that each one may \_\_\_\_\_ the things \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, according to what he has \_\_\_\_\_, whether \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.”

• **Romans 14:10-12** “But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ stand before the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. For it is written, ‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.’ So then each of us shall give \_\_\_\_\_ of himself to God.”

• **Matthew 6:19-21** “Do not lay up for yourselves \_\_\_\_\_ on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but \_\_\_\_\_ for yourselves treasures in \_\_\_\_\_, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your \_\_\_\_\_ (REWARD) is, there your \_\_\_\_\_ will be also.”

• **Revelation 22:12** “And behold, I am \_\_\_\_\_ quickly, and My \_\_\_\_\_ is with Me, to \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone according to his \_\_\_\_\_.”

**Definition: “SAVED AS BY FIRE”** — This refers to people who have received Jesus as Savior, been **born again, and are SAVED**, but who have never really made Jesus LORD of ALL in their life. This person may make it to heaven, but will **receive NO REWARDS!!** All of their **so-called good**

**works** were done in their own human strength (in the FLESH), and are WORTHLESS (Jesus said, "Without Me, you can do NOTHING." John 15:5) — The **worthless, human "works" will be burned up**. The picture here is similar to a person escaping from a burning house, and they make it out alive, but ALL THEIR POSSESSIONS are burned up, and they have NOTHING! This also applies to "death bed" conversions, such as the thief on the cross (Luke 23:39-43), where the person has **no time** to do any GOOD WORKS.

20-21 Oh, Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, **AVOIDING the PROFANE and VAIN BABBLINGS and CONTRADICTIONS of what is FALSELY called KNOWLEDGE** – by professing it, some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

•II Timothy 2:16-18 "But \_\_\_\_\_ (avoid) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, for they will increase to more \_\_\_\_\_. And their message will \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, who have \_\_\_\_\_ concerning the \_\_\_\_\_, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of some."

**Definition: "AVOIDING the PROFANE and VAIN BABBLINGS and CONTRADICTIONS of what is FALSELY called KNOWLEDGE"** – The word "profane" sometimes means swearing and cursing, but it also can just mean HUMAN THINKING, the opposite of HOLY and GODLY. "Vain babblings" means the same thing - **just opening your mouth and speaking without really thinking or judging your words by God's standards**. "**CONTRADICTIONS of what is FALSELY called KNOWLEDGE**" means **all the human thinking and reasoning that is AGAINST God's word** and His truth, and it is FALSELY called "knowledge" because it really is NOT knowledge, because it is AGAINST God's knowledge. Paul warns Believers in II Corinthians 10:3-5, and says that **these thoughts need to be BROUGHT INTO OBEDIENCE to Christ**, and we MUST NOT allow these kinds of worldly, ungodly thoughts to take control in our minds.

•II Corinthians 10:3-5 "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not \_\_\_\_\_ according to the flesh. For the \_\_\_\_\_ of our warfare are not carnal (merely HUMAN) but \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ for pulling down \_\_\_\_\_, casting down \_\_\_\_\_ and every high thing (human knowledge) that \_\_\_\_\_ itself against the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, bringing every \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ."